The work on Ardhara glider got delayed due to non-availability of quality spruce wood and plywood, as well as engagement of concerned officials of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in designing and developing of a two-seater training aircraft. Since the Delhi Safdarjung Airport is closed for security considerations, this Proto-type will have to be taken to another gliding club for carrying out test flights. In view of the logistics involved, the Ardhara glider is not likely to be test flown before June, 2003.

Emergency check in Boeing Aircrafts

1365. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Asian Age of September 15, 2002, that the US and the Aussies Airlines have ordered grounding and checking of the entire Boeing fleets to see if they suffer from potentially defective flight control modules that could make the planes hard to contol;

(b) if so, whether Government have also caused similar emergency checks on all the Boeings in operation with the Indian Airlines Corporation and also with the private airlines operating in and through-out India, if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) declared airworthiness directive issued by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on 13th September, 2002 mandatory for compliance of all Boeing Operators which include Indian Airlines, Alliance Air, Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines and Blue Dart Aviation. Jet Airways identified two Boeing 737 whose Flight Control Modules (FCMs) were affected and the same were replaced on September 14, 2002. All other operators have confirmed that the FCMs of their respective boeing 737 services aircraft are not affected.

Maintenance of Airports

1366. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh review has been made to assess the maintenance needs and improvements required at various airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with the time bound plans drawn up, if any, for each airport; and

(c) the details of major additional facilities proposed to be created at the international aiports to make them more customer friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Maintenance of various operational and passenger facilities at the airports is a continuous and ongoing process and is undertaken based on operational requiements. Some of the major schemes are—

Construction of new international passenger terminal Complex, connection of departure level of terminal-2 to visitor's lounge etc. at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi;

Construction of new Domestic Terminal Complex, 4 Nos. remote parking bays, new taxi parking area, interim cargo FACT shed, Export Cargo Terminal, Widening of Flyover at Terminal-2, etc. at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai;

Construction of Integrated Cargo Complex, Modification of Terminal-2, Strengthening of runway, taxi track at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata;

Construction of Interim International Arrival Block, Extension of parallel taxi track, expansion of Administrative Building, Strengthening of runway etc. at Chennai International Airport, Chennai; and

Provision of aerobridges, strengthening of runway, standardisation of perimeter wall etc. at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

Construction of new domestic terminal complex, rapid taxiway at Ahmedabad airport, extension and strengthening of runway, construction of integrated passenger terminal building, technical block at Amritsar airport, strengthening and extension of runway at Hyderabad airport are on going schemes.

Second International Airport Near Mumbai

1367. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to construct a second international airport in or adjacent to Mumbai;